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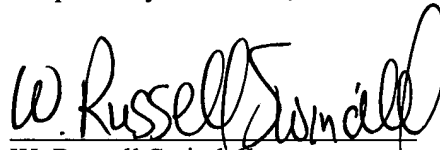
(1) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/576,386, Confirmation No.1657 entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PUBLISHING MANUSCRIPTS," filed May 22, 2000.

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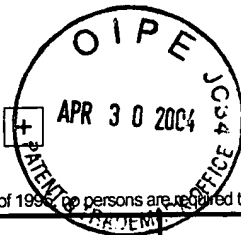
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